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The country has rendered an emphatic and ringing verdict in favor of the Democratic party. All who have believed that the Democracy is destroyed by the Trade Triumphant, people must confess a lack of knowledge on this subject and a radical error of judgment.

GROVES CLEVELAND will enter the White House with the assurance that a large majority of the voters of the United States sanction his purpose and the purpose of his party, as they understand it, with reference to the great question of National policy.

It will, perhaps, be a matter of controversy whether the people have endorsed the Free-trade doctrine avowed by the National Convention and approve the apparent design of the element in control at Chicago to denationalize the currency. In his letter of acceptance, says The Times-Star, Mr. CLEVELAND ignored the declaration of principles and constructed a platform of his own, in which the "Tariff reform" plank of eight years ago was conspicuous, and sound money again brought to the front. Assuming that this platform is the one endorsed in the election of Mr. CLEVELAND, the result must be regarded as an unparalleled personal victory and an expression of confidence in the wisdom of the policy he advocates as well as in his power to keep a guiding hand upon his party.

But the conviction will be widespread that the avowed principles of the party, not Mr. CLEVELAND'S modifications, have been voted up and the Republican economic and fiscal system voted down; that Free-trade is demanded by the American people, and that Mr. CLEVELAND, if he has actually differed with his party on this question, will be forced into line. He cannot stand out against a Congress which has been instructed, by the same that puts him in the White House, to repeal the McKinley law and impose duties only on non-competing products.

The meaning of the Chicago platform is unmistakable. There can be no war against any assumption that the Tariff resolution has been misunderstood by the voters of America. In plain terms it demands not only the repeal of the present Tariff law but the overthrow of the Protective policy. Protection is declared to be unconstitutional and a Tariff for revenue only a fundamental principle of the Democratic party. This leaves no place for a customs duty on any competing product. A party's platform is the party's creed. It is universally accepted as such. The people clearly understood the Democratic creed in this campaign.

It must be said, therefore, that the great American electorate gave their decision deliberately, if unswervingly, upon the issue of Protection vs. Free-trade. There is no escaping from this conclusion. The sentiment will obtain that inasmuch as Free-trade has been approved by the voting majority, apparently including a majority of the voting classes, they should have Free-trade. Whatever the effect, the responsibility will rest upon those who will have only themselves to blame if it is disastrous.

STRIKE ENDED.

The New Orleans Trouble is About Over.

Intense Indignation Among a Large Number of Workmen

Over the manner in which the strike was settled. The Committee Representing the interests of the Laborers bitterly seconded Treachery charged.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 12.—The leaders of the strikers have compromised with the various organizations and committees and the strike is virtually over.

There is intense indignation among a large number of workmen over the manner in which the strike was settled, and the committee of five representing the interests of the laborers are openly denounced and charged with treachery and having sold out the labor element. A thousand men were crowded into Exchange alley Friday morning.

They included whites and blacks and represented many men who had been unable to secure their places again. They have been out for nearly three weeks and their families are in want. The leaders, they said, had them out and had surrendered every point that had been contended for.

The street car companies have about broken up the car drivers' union, and the contract that was broken will undoubtedly remain so. The companies will now employ union and non-union men indiscriminately. All the drivers on the street car lines have been discharged, and the unions are so badly disorganized that the can not do anything in the matter.

Business is gradually being resumed. None of the non-union men are being discharged. The colossal failure of the strike means that the backbone of the unions is broken, and that the American Federation of Labor is out of business. The question of the hours and wages will be settled Friday.

VOTE MAY BE DIVIDED.

Ohio's Electoral Vote is Very Much Judged.

COLUMBIA, O., Nov. 12.—The mathematicians are still at work at both the republican and democratic state headquarters, but they had not altered anything up to Friday afternoon. The republicans claim the state by 1,000 or 1,200, and the democrats by 900 or 1,000. But three official returns have been received by Secretary of State Foreman, those from Knox, Fairfield and Marion counties. They show a peculiar state of affairs.

In those three counties Lorenzo Dandford, republican elector at large, runs ahead of the ticket by 95 votes, and W. A. Seward, the democratic elector at large, runs ahead of his ticket by 113 votes. This was caused by men marking only the names of those gentlemen under a mistaken notion that they were thereby voting the straight ticket. At Republican headquarters much of the calculations have been based on the highest vote cast for elector, and it is now apparent that this basis is not a good one. It is by no means certain that Ohio has gone republican, and it is doubtful whether S. M. Taylor is elected.

The Pittsburgh Coal Strike.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 12.—It is probable that the ten weeks' strike of the Monongahela river miners will be at an end by next Monday. Operators claim that advances from the third and second pools are to the effect that the miners were remaining out until after the election, and would then go to work. In affirmation of this statement a large number of communications were exhibited by prominent operators from their diggers, announcing their willingness to resume work on the three-cent rate.

A Teacher Suicides.

ERIE, Pa., Nov. 12.—Miss Mattie Dickson, colored, one of Erie's brightest young public school teachers, shot herself fatally. Miss Dickson was the daughter of a well-to-do gunsmith. She was taken ill while attending her school duties by a violent attack of dyspepsia. After relating some horrid dreams about her father's revolver, she went upstairs to fix up her father's room, and a few minutes later three revolver shots announced the terrible deed. Friday was her twenty-first birthday.

Maverick Bank President.

BOSTON, Nov. 12.—Judge Putnam, of the United States circuit court, has ordered a rehearing in the indictment against A. J. Porter, ex-president of the Maverick national bank. The indictment charges Porter with making false entries in a report to the controller of the currency, and also making false entries on the books. The report was attested by Porter as director and not as president.

New Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Nov. 12.—Returns from distant precincts are coming in slowly. The democrats are claiming the territory for Joseph. D. by at least 500 votes. The republicans do not concede them the territory. A remarkable thing in the election is that American counties have reduced republican majorities in favor of Joseph.

Forman Defeated by 21 Votes.

RELLAIRE, O., Nov. 12.—The official vote of the sixteenth congressional district was received at the Balliet Tribune office (Forman's paper) Friday morning. When looked up it shows that A. J. Forman's majority over C. L. Poorman in the district is 21. The district was 1,800 republican. There is room for a contest.

The German Military Bill.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—The Berlin correspondent of the Times says it is definitely announced in Berlin that the committee of the Bundestag on the military bill has reported in favor of the bill without any modification.

Oregonian Legislature Democratic.

OREGONIAN, O. T., Nov. 12.—Reports from all the counties in the state show that the democrats will have both branches of the legislature.



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